

# October Half Term

MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

ART & MUSIC CLASSES INSPIRED BY THE THEMES:

## A NIGHT AT THE CINEMA & HALLOWEEN!



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community of South East London since 1881.

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## Monday

### Roundabout Taster – 2 day course

**A range of our fantastic tutors**

**Monday 27/10/2025 & Tuesday 28/10/25**  
10.00 – 12.30 each day    £76 4.5 – 7 yrs

Roundabout has been running at the Conservatoire for over 30 years! Since 1992 we have been introducing children aged 5–7 to music through this exciting, informative and inclusive year-long course. Are you thinking of signing up? Perhaps you are already on the waiting list? Well then, this two-day taster is perfect for you!

Join us for two mornings in half term to learn skills in musicianship and try all of the many instruments that learners get to explore in their year of Roundabout; strings, flute, piano, brass, percussion and guitar. You'll get time with each instrument, and even try playing in our multi-instrumental chamber groups. Join in and join the fun!



### Introduction to Animation: let's make a moving picture!

**Cate Chapman**

**Monday 27/10/2025**    6 – 12 yrs  
09.30 – 16.30    £78

This workshop is designed to introduce the concepts of animation and sequencing images. We will look at some experimental films of the 1920s, from the Dada and Bauhaus movements, where colours and shapes dance around on the screen. Everyone's drawings on 'mini cels' will make an equal contribution to a collective film. By the end of the workshop, children will gain firsthand experience of storyboarding, keyframing, and voice recording. The resulting film will be screened in the Studio at the end, and you will be sent the finished video file and a link to watch it online.

### Night at the Museum – create your own Mummy and sarcophagus

**Sue Harris**

**Monday 27/10/2025**    3 – 5 yrs  
09.30 – 11.30    £27

The film is set in the Museum of Natural History when it's closed, where characters from the museum come to life. One of the most memorable is a Pharaoh. Ancient Egyptian pharaohs and queens were buried in tombs called sarcophagi, which were beautifully painted on the outside to resemble them. We will create our own mummy and a box tomb to resemble a sarcophagus.



## The Secret Life of Pets – moonlit cats!

Sue Harris



Monday 27/10/2025  
12.30 – 14.30

3 – 5yrs  
£27

Cats love to come out at night and have a secret life and as the nights draw in and winter approaches, we see more of the darkness than the daylight. We will paint a glorious, tranquil nighttime scene, using inks, pastels, and watercolours and make a black cat puppet with a sparkly front so you can see it through the darkness.

## Uke & You!

Ben Kempner



Monday 27/10/2025  
13.30 – 15.30

3 – 5 yrs  
£27

Ukulele is a fantastic first instrument, and a wonderful stepping stone to other string instruments. Our friendly tutors will help you play your first song, have fun making music with others and learn skills in rhythm, pitch and notation as part of fun musical games! All levels are welcome! You can bring your own instrument or borrow one of ours for the session.

## How to 'Create' your Dragon!

Sue Harris

Monday 27/10/2025  
15.00 – 17.00

4 – 7 yrs  
£27

Did you enjoy the recent film 'How to train your Dragon'? We will make a painting of a dragon using wax resist and watercolours and then make a magical dragon model to fly home on.



## Tuesday

### Make a Mask with Mr & Mrs Twit and Roald Dahl friends

Fiona Berry

Tuesday 28/10/2025  
09.30 – 16.30

5 – 11 yrs  
£78

Inspired by the Netflix film 'The Twits', released this autumn and based on Roald Dahl's classic, we will transform ourselves into the magical and strange characters found in Roald Dahl's many stories that we've seen on screen. Who will you choose? Mr Twit with his tangly beard? The Grand High Witch, Willy Wonka or James and his friends from the Giant Peach? Using papier mache, tissue paper and paint we will leave the studios disguised as our favourite character.

## That Hat is Wicked!

Lilly Walker



Tuesday 28/10/2025  
09.30 – 16.30

5 – 11 yrs  
£78

To celebrate the upcoming release of the blockbuster 'Wicked: For Good', based on the hit musical, it's time to get witchy! We will create our very own witch hats from scratch, inspired by Elphaba's very own. We'll use all sorts of materials like card, tissue paper, paint, and fabrics like satin, net, and felt. You'll finish the day with your own extraordinary creation which you can wear later this week for any Halloween celebrations (although you should probably watch out for rain... and flying monkeys!)

## Teen Clay Club

Ellie Osborne

Tuesday 28/10/2025  
17.00 – 20.00

12 – 15 yrs  
£54

Join us for Clay Club! Suitable for both beginners to clay and those who want to develop their skills. In



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this evening workshop you will be free to create your own ceramic ideas under the guidance of an experienced ceramics tutor. Students will create one or two pieces using pinch pots and coiling, decorating with texture and coloured slips. Pieces will then be glazed and fired and ready to collect approximately a month after the workshop.

## Wednesday

### Plasticine People with Wallace & Gromit

**Paula Sanders**

**Wednesday 29/10/2025** 5 - 11 yrs  
**09.30 - 16.30** £78

This all-day art class is inspired by 'Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out', the very first of Nick Park's award-winning claymations, released in 1989. A classic tale where the famous duo run out of cheese and build a rocket to take them to the moon! Participants will use plasticine to create their own characters inspired by Aardman Animations, and build colourful rockets using a range of recycled materials to take them to their chosen destination. Will you go to the cheesy moon too?! Those who complete their characters will put together a sequence of drawings using their props to create a storyboard, forming the basis of their very own stop-motion creation!

### Studio Ghibli Character Mask Making

**Clare Kendall**

**Wednesday 29/10/2025** 6 - 12 yrs  
**09.30 - 13.30** £54

Come and explore the many characters from classic Studio Ghibli animations such as 'Spirited Away' and 'Howl's Moving Castle'. Will you become gentle spirit, Totoro? Wild Princess Mononoke or mysterious wanderer, No-Face? Learn new skills, and craft with a range of materials to create your transformational masks!



## Mixed Media: Making Totoro

**Clare Kendall**

**Wednesday 29/10/2025** 6 - 12 yrs  
**14.30 - 18.30** £54

This art class is inspired by the enormous fantasy forest creature, Totoro, in the classic animation film 'My Neighbour Totoro' by Studio Ghibli. We will imagine our own friendly woodland spirit and bring it to life on canvas! We'll be using acrylic pens and materials gathered from nature - leaves, moss and bark - to create a mixed media piece inspired by the bold animation style of Studio Ghibli.



## Thursday

### Follow the Yellow Brick Road...

**Lilly Walker**

**Thursday 30/10/2025** 5 - 11 yrs  
**09.30 - 16.30** £78

It's time to head somewhere over the rainbow in this sell-out returning class! Inspired by the upcoming release of 'Wicked: For Good', under the guidance of your tutor Lilly you will create a beautiful 3D model using card, paint, and plaster of paris, making your very own version of the famous Yellow Brick Road! You will add each of the famous characters who have travelled on it on their way to the Emerald City... will they get to meet the wizard?

### Celebrate Day of the Dead with 'Coco'

**Sue Harris**

**Thursday 30/10/2025** 3 - 5yrs  
**09.30 - 11.30** £27

We will make skeletons with different personalities- the musician can have a guitar, the artist a paintbrush: What will your skeleton have? We will also look at the beautiful decorations on the Mexican Day of the Dead skulls and design and print our own.



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## ‘Wicked’ arts and crafts

Sue Harris

Thursday 30/10/2025  
12.30 – 14.30

3 – 5 yrs  
£27

Come and have a wicked workshop, exploring dark and light colours. We'll make a witches' brew and an outfit for Glinda and Elpheba. We will use clay, leaves and pinecones to make bats, spiders and a magic wand for a naturally wicked Halloween.

## Tim Burton's 'The Nightmare before Christmas'

Sue Harris

Thursday 30/10/2025  
15.00 – 17.00

4 – 7 yrs  
£27

Craft characters from Tim Burton's classic, 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' to decorate your house for Halloween. We'll also make a Halloween wreath featuring Jack Skellington. Welcome Trick or Treaters to your home in a creepy, but creative manner!!

## Friday



## Autumn Crafts: Make A Trick-Or-Treat Bag

Nicola Corrigan

Friday 31/10/2025  
09.30 – 16.30

5 – 11 yrs  
£78

Come along to the Conservatoire to prepare for Halloween! Make an original trick-or-treat bag using cut out recycled fabric and fabric pens. Create a picture of an amazing autumnal outdoor feast using collage materials, drawing, painting and recycled card. Design a poster to welcome people to your autumnal feast using pictures, drawing, painting and found words.



## Dotty Pumpkins

Sue Harris

Friday 31/10/2025  
09.30 – 12.30

4 – 7 yrs  
£39

Today is the day of the pumpkin! Together we will look in detail at this famous orange vegetable, and draw and paint our own. We'll then make our own pumpkins out of clay and paint them with dots based on the work of the artist Yayoi Kusama. There'll be plenty of items to decorate and put in our window to celebrate Halloween!

## Halloween House Hangings

Sue Harris

Friday 31/10/2025  
13.30 – 16.30

4 – 7 yrs  
£39

We need to prepare the house for Halloween... it's tonight! We will be making some paintings of pumpkin faces, some ghostly models to hang and other Halloween decorations of pumpkins, cats, skeletons, witches, bats and spiders. Time for tricks and treats!



# Adult Art

## Still Life Painting: Pumpkins, Fruit & Foliage – Capturing the Colours and Light of Autumn

**Sophie Cook**

**Monday 27/10/2025**      **18+ yrs**  
**18.00 – 21.00**      **£39**

Ideal for both beginners and more experienced painters, this workshop is perfect for anyone wanting to sharpen their colour mixing skills and gain confidence in using a limited palette to powerful effect. Explore the rich, warm tones of autumn through still life painting in this workshop with artist and tutor Sophie M Cook. Using a limited primary palette, you'll learn to mix an extraordinary range of colours to capture the vibrancy and subtlety of the season.

Focusing on pumpkins, seasonal fruits, and foliage, this session will guide you through essential principles of colour mixing and temperature control. With just a few core pigments, you'll discover how to create harmony and balance in your painting, developing a deeper understanding of how colour relationships work.

Sophie will lead exercises in observing autumnal light and shadow, helping you bring texture, depth, and atmosphere to your work. You'll explore how warm and cool tones can be achieved and balanced using only primary colours – making your palette more versatile and expressive.



## Sky-Scape Painting: Sunrise & Sunset

**Yukako Shibata**

**Tuesday 28/10/2025**      **18+ yrs**  
**18.00 – 21.00**      **£39**

Whether you're drawn to the meditative colour-fields of Rothko or the soft, luminous light of Monet's afternoon skies, this acrylic painting workshop invites you to explore smooth gradation techniques to create your own expressive colour-scape. We'll begin by experimenting with a range of blending methods, then move on to creating your own painting – be it an abstract 'emotional landscape', a Rothko-inspired piece, or a vibrant skyscape capturing the warmth of a sunrise or the calm of a sunset. It could be inspired by a holiday memory or a familiar view from daily life – the choice is yours. The workshop is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced painters looking to refine their blending skills – an essential technique for both abstract and figurative work.

## Glass Painting: Hollywood Portraits

**Catherine Mills**

**Wednesday 29/10/2025**      **18+ yrs**  
**18.00 – 21.00**      **£39**

Are you looking for a creative, therapeutic and relaxing activity? Look no further! Our Glass Painting class is the perfect opportunity to unleash your artistic side and create stunning designs on glass.

Students will learn a range of techniques to either create portraits of friends and family, or movie star icons, inspired by glamorous Hollywood vintage portraits. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, this class welcomes everyone.



# Anatomy of a Monster: Drawing, Print & Collage

Euan Stewart

Thursday 30/10/2025 18.00 – 21.00 18+ yrs  
£39

This one-off evening course will use a mix of drawing, print and collage for the class to create a large scale “Monster” on paper. Suitable for both complete beginners or those with some knowledge of the mediums. Frankenstein’s Monster will be our inspiration, building a body from spare parts and giving it life! Starting with some simple drawing games as a warm-up, each student will then design and create their own body part of our Monster, which we will combine to create unique and exciting results. Ideas could be from the student’s own source material or inspiration, although there will be plenty of ideas provided to draw from. The aim is to have fun and engage with all forms of drawing, print and collage, working together to create an entirely new being on paper. Students can take their own monster body part home!



## Drink & Draw (Halloween Special!)

Sue Harris & Lilly Walker

Friday 31/10/2025 18.00 – 21.00 18+ yrs  
£39

Come along to this special and spooky Drink & Draw to let your hair down, learn some new skills, and make friends. Led by two of our expert art tutors, you’ll spend a fun Friday evening mixing prosecco with paint as you tackle your very own A3 canvas! You’ll come away with a wonderful piece of painted work, no matter your prior experience – beginners are welcome. Each session takes inspiration from a different artist and explores different mediums.

**So that we can ensure our holiday courses are viable, we are unfortunately not able to offer refunds. Holiday courses are also not transferable between people.**

**Please bring a packed lunch for full day courses and a snack for shorter ones.  
No nuts or seeds please!**

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# Art Workshops for Adults

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